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03468, MOSCOW 3424

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SUB: AMTORG INCIDENT

REF: USUN 1296, STATE 099423, MOSCOW

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE EFFORT USUN OBTAINED POLICE COVERAGE FROM CHIEF INSPECTOR, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR AMTORG, AEROFLOT AND INTOURIST OFFICES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. COVERAGE IS FOR ONE WEEK ENDING COB JULY 3RD AND IS FOR BUSINESS HOURS ONLY. IN VIEW EXISTING SITUATION, USUN MAKING EFFORT GET EXTENSION AS APPROPRIATE, AND IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE COVERAGE AT TASS NEWS AGENCY AND AEROFLOT OFFICE AT JFK AIRPORT.

2. ACCORDING NY TIMES, 24 DEFENDANTS WERE ARRAIGNED AT 1600 HRS JUNE 24TH IN CRIMINAL COURT. CHARGES INCLUDE BURGLARY IN 3RD DEGREE (ENTERING A PREMISE ILLEGALLY TO COMMIT A CRIME), SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF AND HARASSMENT. DEFENDANTS WERE PAROLED FOR A HEARING SEPT 22ND. FOUR 15 YEAR OLD DEFENDANTS WERE ARRAIGNED IN CHILDREN'S COURT.

3. NY TIMES REPORTED ON JUNE 25TH THAT RABBI MEIER KAHANE OF JDL HAS CHARGED THAT DEPT AND SOVIET REPS HAVE ACTED IN COLLUSION TO PROMOTE MORE SEVERE CHARGES AGAINST JDL MEMBERS. ARRESTED.

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4. NY POST OF JUNE 24 STATES ESTIMATE OF \$10 TO \$12 MILLION IN DAMAGES HAS BEEN MADE BY LAWYER REPRESENTING AMTORG. ACCORDING NY POST, LAWYER DECLINED GIVE BREAKDOWN, EXCEPT TO SAY INVADERS BROKE FURNITURE, PUSHED AND SHOVED EMPLOYEES AND DID OTHER DAMAGE. USUN OFFICER SPOKE TO TWO DETECTIVES AND AMTORG REPS ABOUT DAMAGES AFTER INCIDENT. HE WAS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THAT DAMAGE TO FURNITURE SLIGHT, TWO HOLES WERE MADE IN WALL AND THREE OFFICERS OF AMTORG HAD SLIGHTLY BRUISED ARMS. WITH REGARD CLAIMS STOLEN DOCUMENTS, NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE EXISTS ANY DOCUMENTS TAKEN BY JDL.

5. AMB YOST HAS SENT PERSONAL NOTE TO AMB MALIK EXPRESSING SINCERE REGRET OVER INCIDENT. FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO 3RD PERSON NOTE FROM SOVIET MISSION ALSO BEING SENT.

6. INFOR REQUESTED PARA 5 MOSCOW'S 3468 BEING OBTAINED IN GREATER DETAIL AND WILL BE SENT SOON AS POSSIBLE. PHILLIPS:

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